



16 Days of Activism
Against Gender Violence



Newcastle Youth Interagency 27.11.2014

-Minutes-

Location: Samaritans 32 Brunner Rd, Broadmeadow

Attendance:

Elizabeth Kemp **Hunter Institute of Mental Health**, Maree Smith **FaCS NSW**
Jacob.Blenkinsop **Ability Links**, Karen Johnson Dewit **Youth Health Team** Richard
Harrison **DHS outreach**, Kerry Thompson and Kasey Pitkin **VOCAL**, Tonko Kamara
Northern Settlement Services, June Smith **DHS Charlestown**, Carly Britton **Social Inc**
Marcelle Power **Callaghan Waratah**, Roxanne Rigg-**Allambi** Rebecca Craig **Margaret**
Jurd, Annissa Hooper **Warlga Ngurra**, Max Greive **Family Support**, Bo-Jasmine **EIA**, Kat
Manning **Reconnect**, Lauren Fisher **Youth Accommodation SAMS**, Byron Williams -
Headspace, Dale Garbutt **MCNC**, Ray Kelly **NCC** Amber Stewart **Youth Council NCC**
Kelly Greenan, Tracey Iles, Craig Haidle **Salvation Army Oasis**.

Apologies:

Shane Kennedy **Up & Up**, Chrisine Smith- **Police**, Lisa Ronneberg-**ACON**, Carmen DVLO's
Police, Nicole Hirschhorn- **Nova**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.

Participants chose the dates November 25- International Day Against Violence Against Women- and December 10- International Human Rights Day- in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights.

This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre where 14 female engineering students were gunned down by a man because they were feminists..

VOCAL

Kerrie Thompson & Kasey Pitkin

The System and Stories

Kerry and Kasey spoke to us very openly giving us many examples of the difficult and conflicting legal system that many women come up against in relation to domestic and family violence, they share many case studies and gave valuable insight into their roles.

<http://vocal.org.au/>

(02) 4926 2711

Level 1 / 432 Hunter Street, Newcastle, NSW, 2300.

Next to Civic Station

In the Passmores' Building.

Family Support Service Newcastle

Max Greive

Men's Programs

Max spoke about Family support & what they provide giving more detail to the men's/dad programs he facilities and around responsibility and accountability, please contact him

<http://www.nfss.org.au/>

2 High St, Waratah NSW 2298

(02) 4926 3577

Warlga Ngurra

Annissa Hooper

Walk a Mile Koori Style (details below) &
Koori Love Shouldn't Hurt Forum (see attached flyer)

During the 16 days of Activism this year starting 25 November we are planning a march based on the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes concept.

<https://www.facebook.com/WalkAMileKooriStyle>

When: 28th November, 9:00am Rego, walk 10am with event afterwards

Where: Walk a mile from Newcastle Police Station to King Edward Park Newcastle

Walk a Mile Koori Style is a White Ribbon event

We are targeting all men who say no to violence. As part of our plan to improve awareness of Domestic, Family and Community Violence. The purpose of this event is to have males of all ages walk a mile from Newcastle Police Station to the exit gates of King Edward Park and swear an oath to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women and children.

This oath will be given to the women that will be waiting on that hill. This event will take place on 28th November 2014

Warlga Ngurra have been successful in gaining new funding for 3 years and will continue to deliver support for women & children

Warlga Ngurra Women and Children's Refuge

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Service and Sector updates

ORGANISATION: Maragret Jurd

REPRESENTATIVE: Emma Cother:

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Taking referrals for 2015

ORGANISATION: Community Youth Development Project- RYDON

REPRESENTATIVE: Astrid Gearin

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- **High Tide Vibes- Beach event**

NEWCASTLE BEACH

Friday 19th December 12pm - 330pm

Live Music, Live Art, Free Food, Real People, Real Water, Real Waves and Real Good Fun.

featuring **Regina Kamanda.Rhythm Sound System**

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Upload you details into the RYDON service directory

<http://www.rydon.org.au/add-services/>

Upcoming special days/Events:

Please Share anything your service is doing

High Tide Vibes-19th December Newcastle Beach

NEXT NYI MEETING: 2015- TBAvised